

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
PATENT APPLICATION EXAMINING OPERATIONS**

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

July 1, 2004

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The applicant in the above-identified patent application hereby petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks for a THREE month extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR §1.136 to respond to the Office Action therein dated December 16, 2003. The applicant is **NOT** a small entity and, in accordance with 37 CFR §1.17, a fee in the amount of \$950 is required.

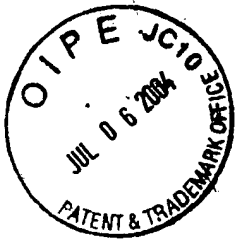
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required fee and any additional fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1550. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,



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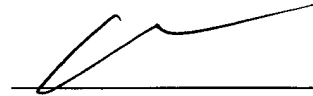
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Dated: July 1, 2004

  
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